



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS  
LANSING

**Meeting  
of the  
Board of State Canvassers**

**DRAFT**

**February 11, 2022**

**Called to order:** 10:00 a.m.

**Members present:** Norman Shinkle – Chairperson  
Mary Ellen Gurewitz – Vice Chairperson  
Jeannette Bradshaw  
Anthony Daunt

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the meeting minutes for approval (January 19, 2022).

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting as submitted. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the initiative petition submitted by Unlock Michigan (Unlock II).

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the form of the initiative petition submitted by Unlock Michigan (Unlock II). Moved by Gurewitz; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the initiative petition submitted by Secure MI Vote.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the form of the initiative petition submitted by Secure MI Vote. Moved by Daunt; supported by Bradshaw. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the initiative petition submitted by Raise the Wage.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board rejected approval of the form of the initiative petition submitted by Raise the Wage. Moved by

Bradshaw; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Bradshaw, Gurewitz. Nays: Daunt, Shinkle. Motion failed.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the constitutional amendment submitted by Reproductive Freedom for All.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board rejected approval of the form of the constitutional amendment submitted by Reproductive Freedom for All. Moved by Gurewitz; supported by Bradshaw. Ayes: Bradshaw, Gurewitz. Nays: Daunt, Shinkle. Motion failed.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the summary of purpose of the initiative petition submitted by Michiganders for Fair Lending (Michiganders for Fair Lending II). The summary of purpose as drafted by the Director of Elections is as follows:

**Initiation of legislation amending the Deferred Presentment Service Transaction Act, 2005 PA 244, MCL 487.2121, 487.2122, 487.2152, 487.2153, and 487.2160, and adding MCL 487.2160a to: rename the law the “Limit Interest Rates and Fees on Payday Loans Act”; describe deferred presentment service transactions as “payday loans” and licensees as “payday lenders”; prohibit service fees on these loans that are above an annual percentage rate of 36 percent, which lowers the maximum allowable rate, and require a consumer warning of the maximum rate; deem transactions that exceed this rate void and unenforceable; and provide powers to the Attorney General to enforce and penalize attempts to evade the Act’s requirements.**

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the 99 word-summary as worded above. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the petition submitted by Michiganders for Fair Lending II.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board conditionally approved the form of the petition submitted by Michiganders for Fair Lending II with the understanding that the summary as approved by the Board will be added to the petition, and the sponsor will remove the union label. Moved by Daunt; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: Bradshaw. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the 93-word summary of purpose of the constitutional amendment submitted by MI Right to Vote (A). The summary of purpose as drafted by the Director of Elections is as follows:

**Constitutional amendment to: make the deadline to submit petition signatures for a voter-initiated referendum to approve or reject a law 6 months after its enactment, instead of 90 days after legislative session; allow referendums on laws with funding appropriations; require that petition signatures for voter-initiated laws and constitutional**

**amendments be counted, on a statewide basis, 60 days before election day, be determined valid if gathered within 2 years of filing, and be submitted 120 days before election day; eliminate legislature's power to approve voter-initiated law; require voters or 3/4 vote of the legislature to reenact laws rejected by referendums.**

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the 93 word-summary as worded above. Moved by Daunt; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the petition submitted by MI Right to Vote (A).

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board moved to approve the form of the petition submitted by MI Right to Vote (A) with the understanding that the summary as approved by the Board will be added to the petition, and the sponsor will remove the union label. Moved by Daunt; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: Bradshaw. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the 100-word summary of purpose of the constitutional amendment submitted by MI Right to Vote (B). The summary of purpose as drafted by the Director of Elections is as follows:

**Constitutional amendment to: recognize fundamental right to vote; require 2 weekends of in-person absentee voting; require absentee-ballot drop boxes; provide voters right to receive absentee-ballot applications without requesting them; require absentee applications and ballots be postage prepaid; provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signature; allow officials to prepare for counting absentee ballots during the 7 days before election day; prohibit laws imposing undue burden on voting, laws banning donations to fund elections, laws requiring ID to vote absentee or social-security number to register, laws allowing recording of voters, and laws discriminating against election challengers; require legislature fund elections.**

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the 100 word-summary as worded above. Moved by Bradshaw; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the petition submitted by MI Right to Vote (B).

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board moved to approve the form of the petition submitted by MI Right to Vote (B) with the understanding that the summary as approved by the Board will be added to the petition, and the sponsor will remove the union label. Moved by Daunt; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: Bradshaw. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the 100-word summary of purpose of the constitutional amendment submitted by Promote the Vote 2022. The summary of purpose as drafted by the Director of Elections is as follows:

**Constitutional amendment to: recognize fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct; require military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by election day; provide voter right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement; provide voter right to single application to vote absentee in all elections; require state-funded postage for absentee applications and ballots; require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes; provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits; require 9 days of early in-person voting; allow donations to fund elections, which must be disclosed; require canvass boards to certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.**

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the 100 word-summary as worded above. Moved by Daunt; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the petition submitted by Promote the Vote 2022.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board moved to approve the form of the petition submitted by Promote the Vote 2022 with the understanding that the summary as approved by the Board will be added to the petition, and the sponsor will replace the union label with a version that complies with the appropriate font requirements. Moved by Daunt; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: Bradshaw. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the 75-word summary of purpose of the initiative petition submitted by Michigan Initiative for Community Healing. The summary of purpose as drafted by the Director of Elections is as follows:

**Initiation of legislation amending the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7403, 333.7404, 333.7451, and adding MCL 333.7462, to: reduce the maximum penalty for possessing non-prescribed drugs from felony to misdemeanor; prohibit prosecution for minuscule amounts of drugs found on paraphernalia; describe psychedelic plants and mushrooms as natural plants and mushrooms; decriminalize production and use of these plants and mushrooms; provide exemptions from penalties for sale, provision, and supervising use of these plants and mushrooms for medical and religious purposes.**

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board approved the 75 word-summary as worded above. Moved by Gurewitz; supported by Daunt. Ayes: Bradshaw, Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Agenda item:** Consideration of the form of the petition submitted by Michigan Initiative for Community Healing.

**Board action on agenda item:** The Board moved to approve the form of the petition submitted by Michigan Initiative for Community Healing with the understanding that the summary as approved by the Board will be added to the petition, and the sponsor will remove the union label. Moved by Daunt; supported by Gurewitz. Ayes: Daunt, Gurewitz, Shinkle. Nays: Bradshaw. Motion carried.

**Adjourned:** 2:27 p.m.

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Chair Shinkle

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Vice-Chair Gurewitz

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Member Daunt

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Member Bradshaw

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Date